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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuing patent application of:

Inventor: Toshimasa Shimoda

For: VACUUM CHAMBER HAVING INSTRUMENT-MOUNTING BULKHEAD  
EXHIBITING REDUCED DEFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE  
DIFFERENTIAL, AND ENERGY-BEAM SYSTEMS COMPRISING SAME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 21 pages of specification, 16 pages of claims, and an abstract
- ☒ 7 sheets of drawings
- ☒ 3 pages of an Oath or Declaration
- ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: Nikon Corporation, a Recordation Cover Sheet, and a Recordal fee of \$40.00

Continuing Application:

- ☐ Continuation
- ☐ Divisional
- ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Information from Prior Application:

Prior Application Number: 10/209,738  
Examiner: Hung Nguyen  
Art Unit: 2851

FILING FEE					
	Claims	Number	Number		Basic Fee
For	Filed	allotted	Extra	Rate	\$770.00
Total Claims	75	20	= 55	\$18.00	\$ 990.00
Independent Claims	7	3	= 4	\$86.00	\$ 344.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee				\$290.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$2104.00

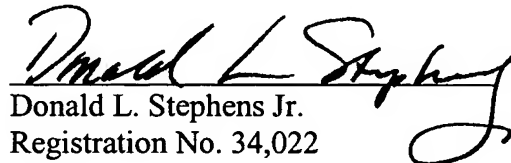
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$2,144.00 to cover ☒ filing fee and ☒ assignment recordal fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Assignee for this application is or will be Nikon Corporation, and applicant requests that this information be listed on the published application.
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

- ☒ Address all correspondence to the address associated with  
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this application and recording any assignment filed herewith, or credit over-payment, to Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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